

circuitry for selectively enabling said security indicia circuitry in response to said patron status information.

8. The system as recited in claim 1 further comprising sensor circuitry disposed adjacent said first reader for determining the continued presence of an article intermediate said first and second readers, said sensor circuitry further being operative to disable said security issue device upon removal of the article.

9. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said article identification indicia is a label comprised of printed bar code information.

10. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said article identification indicia is a label comprised of a bar code recorded on magnetic tape.

11. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said article identification indicia is a label comprised of a coded semiconductor chip transmitter.

12. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said article identification indicia is a label comprised of a coded ultrasonic transmitter.

13. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said user identification indicia is a label comprised of printed bar code information.

14. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said user identification indicia is a label comprised of a bar code recorded on magnetic tape.

15. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said user identification indicia is a label comprised of a coded semiconductor chip transmitter.

16. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said user identification indicia is a label comprised of a coded ultrasonic transmitter.

17. The system as recited in claim 1 wherein said second reader is vertically translatable with respect to said first reader.

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